

June 18, 2025

TO: Recipients of the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA DNS/Checklist

FROM: Nathan Hart, SEPA Responsible Official

SUBJECT: Addendum to the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA Environmental Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance

### **PURPOSE OF THIS ADDENDUM**

In June 2024, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) prepared a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Checklist that analyzed environmental impacts of its proposed Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project. The Project would tightline two stormwater outfalls in Dead Horse Canyon (Lakeridge Park) in the Lakeridge neighborhood of unincorporated King County and in the incorporated limits of the City of Seattle (Attachment A). Lakeridge Park is owned and managed by Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Currently, both outfalls discharge stormwater directly onto the east slope of the Canyon and erode soil, destabilize the slope, disturb vegetation, and deliver sediment to Taylor Creek. SPU's proposal would tightline outfalls at Crestwood Dr S and at Rustic Rd S. A tightline is a pipe used to convey stormwater downhill where it can be safely discharged into a diffuser/dissipation structure near or at the bottom of a slope. The Project would also improve upstream stormwater collection and conveyance associated with each outfall. As lead agency for SEPA, SPU issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Project on June 13, 2024.

The Environmental Checklist disclosed that no trees would be removed as part of this Project. During subsequent project design, SPU identified one tree would need to be removed. As lead agency, SPU has reviewed the findings and concluded the potential additional work does not substantially alter impact analyses in the Environmental Checklist and will not result in any significant environmental impacts. This Addendum has been prepared in accordance with the authority provided in Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.600 and in accordance with the procedures described in SMC 25.05.625.

### **UPDATED PROJECT INFORMATION**

The Project would remove one shore pine (*Pine contorta*) on King County tax parcel 4059400535 (11205 Crestwood Dr S) within the incorporated limits of the City of Seattle. The tree would be felled and removed from the work site. Its removal would be mitigated as part of the Project's ECA tree and revegetation plan. All other work would be as described in the Taylor Creek Outfall Improvements Project SEPA Environmental Checklist. No additional technical reports have been prepared that directly relate to this proposal.

## CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

### Environmental Checklist Section B4: Plants

The Project would remove one privately owned shore pine (*Pinus contorta*) on King County tax parcel 4059400535 (11205 Crestwood Dr S) within the incorporated limits of the City of Seattle (Neighborhood Residential Zone). The tree is 29.5 inches in diameter at standard height and not located in any Environmentally Critical Area (ECA). It is a Tier 2 tree per the City of Seattle's tree protection regulations (SMC 25.11 [Table A]). The tree would be removed as part of an ECA tree and revegetation plan that will be deployed to mitigate the Project's impacts in nearby ECAs. The tree's removal would be mitigated by planting three (3) trees as part of that ECA tree and revegetation plan.

If you have questions about the proposed work, please call or email:

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# Attachment A – Vicinity Map

